



South Carolina AIDS Drug Assistance Program

A Patient's Guide to ADAP

The South Carolina *AIDS Drug Assistance Program* (ADAP) helps South Carolina residents get HIV medicines through ADAP's Central Pharmacy and Insurance Assistance Program. Through ADAP, people are able to get medicines they can't otherwise get. To be a part of ADAP, you must make a commitment to take your pills.

In order to *qualify* for ADAP you must

- Have HIV/AIDS
- Live in South Carolina
- Have a limited income

Your case manager, nurse or doctor will help you find out if you are eligible for ADAP.

To *remain* in ADAP, you must:

- Re-certify each year on your birthday. Your case manager or physician must fill out the recertification form.
- Let ADAP know your current household income. Send ADAP a current pay stub.
- Call in your new address if you move so your drugs and forms can be mailed to the correct address.
- Respond to letters and forms sent to you by the Central Pharmacy or the Insurance Assistance Program. If you don't respond, you could lose your ADAP benefits.

You can lose your ADAP benefits (your case will be "closed") if you don't take your medicines the way they are prescribed. ADAP has a "three-strike" policy. Each time your case is closed, you earn a "strike." After you get a "strike," you cannot re-enroll in ADAP until you receive counseling. If you earn three "strikes," you are out of the program for good.

You can also lose your ADAP benefits if you get Medicaid or insurance, move out of state, or if you go to prison. These reasons will not be counted as strikes against you in ADAP's three strike policy.

We are here to help. If you have any questions, please call ADAP, your doctor, or your case manager. You can call ADAP at (803) 896-6250, or toll free at 1-800-856-9954.